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Executive Summary

The Annual Report Card (ARC), which is distributed to the Legislative Committee on Children and Youth, contains information on outcomes, performance indicators, and compliance issues.

It consists of three parts:

- Performance Indicators, which provides information on service outcomes.
- Compliance Index, which reports on the Division's compliance with requirements set by DCFS with guidance from the legislative children and youth committees.
- Description of Population and Services, which describes the children who were the subjects of maltreatment reports, children who were served in foster care, and children provided adoption services.

The ARC measures safety outcomes in terms of repeat abuse/neglect for children after an initial true report, in terms of true reports related to children in foster care, and in terms of abuse and neglect which occurs after the opening of a case to protective, supportive or intensive family services.

It also measures permanency outcomes by measuring the percentage of children returning home within 18 months of removal as well as the percentage of children placed into adoptive homes within 12 months of the termination of parental rights.

Finally, well-being outcome measures include analyses of the number of children with more than 3 placements in the first 18 months after removal, the percentage of children placed with their siblings, and the percentage of children receiving initial and comprehensive health screenings after entering care.

The ARC provides this information on a yearly basis, showing trends over time, as well as descriptions of the client population at the various service stages, so that the agency has information on populations and issues to target in efforts to improve performance.

During SFY 2001, the Division improved or remained steady in four of the eight performance indicators that measure the Division's progress with regards to its major goals of child safety, family preservation, and permanency. They are listed below.

- *Percentage of Families with True Allegations of Child Maltreatment Three Months, Six Months, and One Year after a Previous True Report*

The percentage of families with true allegations of child maltreatment after a previous true report at three months (**3%**) and six months (**5%**) decreased one percentage point from SFY 2000. The percentage for maltreatment one year after a previous true report remained steady at **8%**. The percentages for SFY 2001 represent the Division's continued effort to ensure children are safe from abuse and neglect.

- *Percentage of Children Entering Foster Care Who Were Returned Home within Eighteen Months*

The percentage of children who returned home within eighteen months after entering foster care (**72%**) increased ten percentage points from SFY 2000, and was the highest in the previous three annual reports.

- *Percentage of Children Living with Adoptive Families within Twelve Months of Termination of Parental Rights*

The percentage of children living with adoptive families within twelve months of termination of parental rights experienced an increase from 20% in SFY 2000 to **33%** in SFY 2001.

However there were three noteworthy areas regarding performance indicators. They are listed below.

- *Percentage of Children Entering Foster Care who Experienced more than Three Placements within the Past Eighteen Months*

The percentage of children with more than three placements within the past eighteen months stood at **19%**, three percentage points higher than SFY 2000.

- *Percentage of Siblings in Placement who were Placed Together*

The percentage of siblings who were placed with at least one sibling experienced a decrease from 79% in SFY 2000 to **74%** in SFY 2001.

- *Percentage of Children Receiving Protective Services, Supportive Services, or Intensive Family Services (IFS) Who Entered Foster Care Within One Year of Initiation of Services*

The percentage of children entering foster care within one year of initiation of services increased five percentage points for Protective Services (to **13%**) from SFY 2000.

The Angela R. Settlement Agreement Standards Committee, in their April 2001 meeting, revised standards used to determine compliance. However, since these standards were not developed until April 2001, SFY 1997 standards will be used in this report. The new standards will be used in future reports.

The Division exceeded the goal in one area of the compliance requirements.

- *Timely Initiation of Child Maltreatment Assessments*

The percentage for timely initiations increased to **84%**, a three-percentage point increase from SFY 2000 and above the goal of 80%.

However there were noteworthy areas regarding compliance requirements this fiscal year. They are listed on the following page.

- *Timely Completion of Child Maltreatment Assessments*

The percentage for timely completion stood at **78%**, slightly lower than SFY 2000 (80%) and below the goal of 85%.

- *24- and 72- Hour Initial Health Screenings for Children Entering Foster Care*

The percentage for 24-hour initial health screenings stood at **86%**, eight percentage points lower than SFY 2000 (94%) and below the goal of 95%.

The percentage for 72-hour initial health screenings stood at **86%**, three percentage points below SFY 2000 (89%) and below the goal of 95%.

- *Comprehensive Health Assessments*

The percentage for comprehensive health assessments stood at **87%**, a three percent increase over SFY 2000 (84%) but below the goal of 95%.

- *Foster Home Re-evaluations*

The percentage for foster-home re-evaluation stood at **81%**, a decrease of six percentage points from SFY 2000 (87%) and below the goal of 95%.

The last section, Description of Population and Services, describes the number and status of maltreatment assessments, services provided, children who were subjects of maltreatment reports, children who were served in foster care, and children provided adoption services.

There were no remarkable differences between SFY 2001 population and services and SFY 2000 population and services. However when trends were observed from SFY 1999 to SFY 2001 there were notable differences. They are listed below.

- *Supportive Services, Protective Services, and Foster Care*

The combined number of supportive service, protective service, and foster care, cases increased **20%** from SFY 1999 (13,273 cases) to SFY 2001 (15,944 cases).

There was an **11%** increase in the number of foster care cases (5,129 to 5,704) over the same time period.

- *Foster Care Children by Age*

There was a **41%** increase on the number of foster children ages 12 and older from SFY 1999 (1,705 children) to SFY 2001 (2,398 children).

- *Length of Time Children are in Foster Care*

The percentage of children that stay in care six months or less increased 10 percentage points from SFY 1999 (38%) to SFY 2001 (48%).

Part I: Performance Indicators

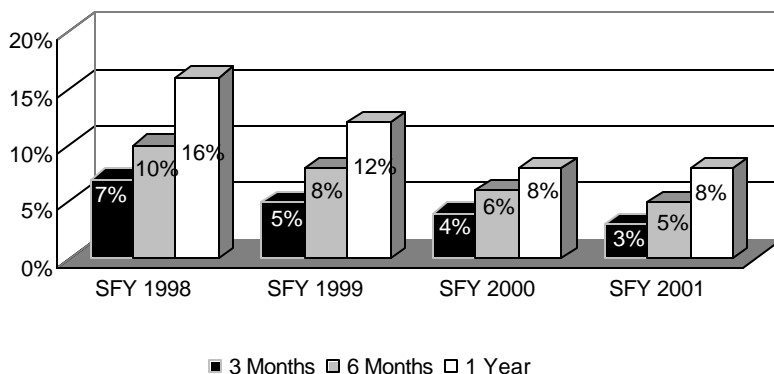
The Division has established eight performance measures that indicate its level of achievement with its major goals of child safety and family preservation and permanency:

- *Percentage of families with true allegations of child maltreatment within three months, six months, and one year after a previous true report.*
- *Percentage of foster families with true cases of maltreatment.*
- *Percentage of children receiving Protective Services, Supportive Services, or Intensive Family Services (IFS) who were abused or neglected within one year of the initiation of services.*
- *Percentage of children receiving Protective Services, Supportive Services, or IFS who entered foster care within one year of the initiation of services.*
- *Percentage of children in foster care who returned home within eighteen months.*
- *Percentage of children entering foster care who experienced more than three placements within the past eighteen months.*
- *Percentage of siblings in placement who are placed together.*
- *Percentage of children living with adoptive families within twelve months of termination of parental rights.*

Percentage of Families with True Allegations of Child Maltreatment Three Months, Six Months and One Year After a Previous True Report

Of the 5,603 families who were involved in a true report of maltreatment between July 1999 and June 2000, 194 families (3%) experienced a repeat true allegation of maltreatment within 3 months of the initial report. Of those same 5,603 families, 301 families (5%) were involved in a

Chart 1:
Percentage of Families with True Allegations of Child Maltreatment
3 Months, 6 Months, and 1 Year after a Previous True Report

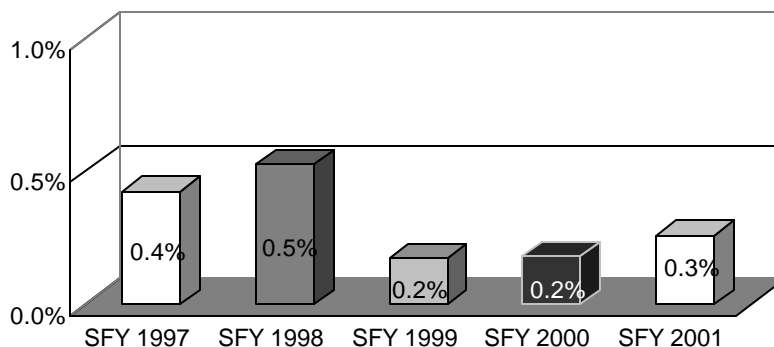


repeat true report within 6 months of the original report and 436 (8%) were involved in a repeat true report within 12 months of the first report¹. The percentages for three months and six months were lower than SFY 2000 and the percentage for one year remained the same.

Percentage of Foster Families with True Cases of Maltreatment

There were 38 foster home maltreatment reports received during SFY 2000. Of these 38 reports, only 11 were found to be true, or an average of 2.75 true reports per quarter. Based upon an average of 1,000 active DCFS foster homes each quarter, the percentage of foster families with true reports of maltreatment was .3 percent. This percentage was slightly higher than SFY 2000, however the number still demonstrates DCFS' continued ability to provide safe homes for foster care children.

Chart 2:
Percentage of Foster Families with True Cases of Maltreatment

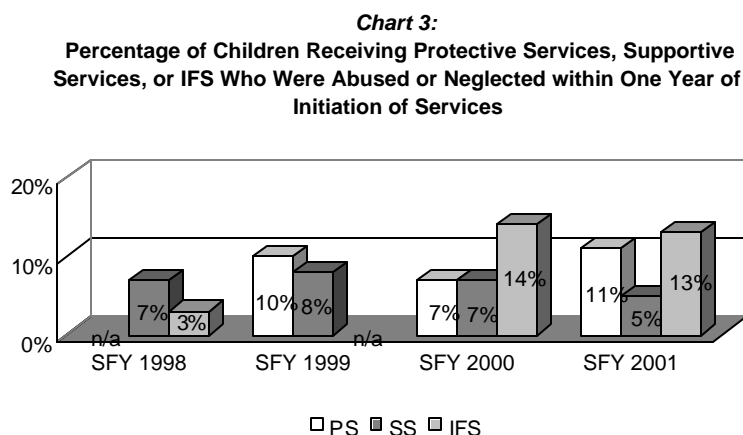


¹ Of the 436 repeat referrals during the year, over half (268, or 61%) involved the same type of abuse and the same perpetrator.

Percentage of Children Receiving Protective Services, Supportive Services, or IFS Who Were Abused or Neglected Within One Year of Initiation of Services

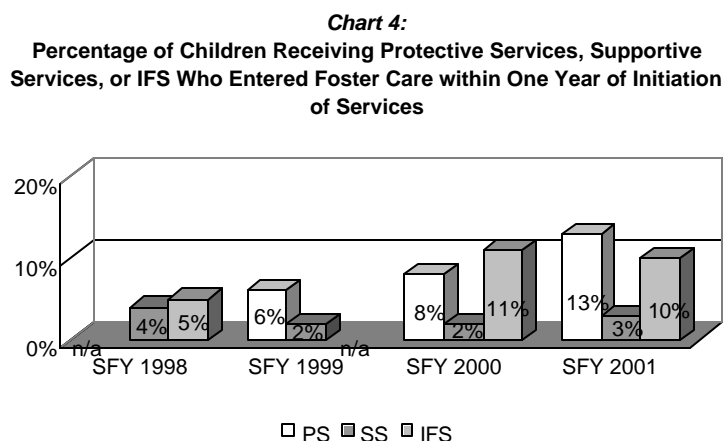
There were 10,467 children who began receiving protective services between July 1999 and June 2000. Of those children, 1,117 (11%) experienced a new true report of maltreatment within one year of beginning this service. There were 1,303 children who began supportive services during the same time period, and of that number, 65 children (5%) were involved in a true

maltreatment report within one year of initiation of services. Of the 735 children who began receiving IFS, 99 children (13%) were involved in a true report within a year of the initiation of services².



Percentage of Children Receiving Protective Services, Supportive Services, or IFS Who Entered Foster Care Within One Year of Initiation of Services

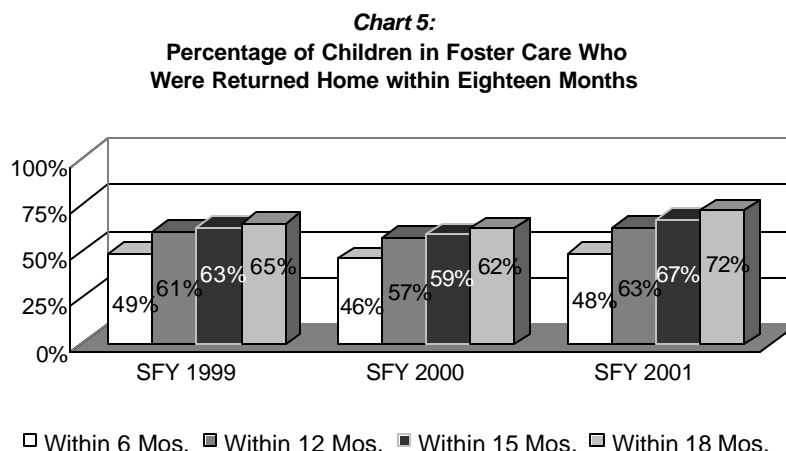
Of those 10,467 children who began receiving protective services between July 1999 and June 2000, 1,328 children (13%) entered foster care within one year of the initiation of those services. Of the 1,303 children who began receiving supportive services during the same period, only 35 children (3%) entered foster care within one year of initiation of services. Of the 735 children who began receiving IFS, 75 children (10%) entered care within a year of the initiation of services.



² Generally, families receiving Supportive Services have less severe problems, while families receiving IFS are by definition in imminent risk of having one or more children placed in foster care or already have children in foster care, with Protective Services families falling somewhere between those extremes. In this light, it is not surprising that IFS tends to have the highest rate of abuse and neglect or entry into foster care.

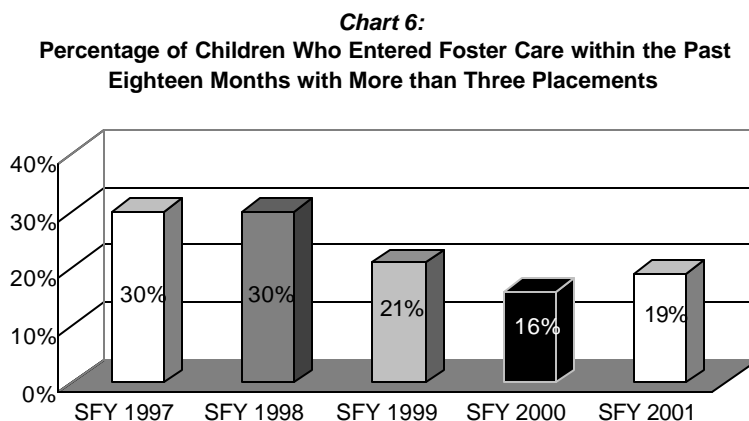
Percentage of Children In Foster Care Who Were Returned Home within Eighteen Months

There were 2,562 children who entered foster care between January 1999 and December 1999. Of that number, 48% (1,242 children) returned home within 6 months, 63% (1,617 children) returned home within 12 months, 67% (1,721 children) returned home within 15 months, and 72% (1,846 children) returned home within 18 months of entering foster care.



Percentage of Children In Foster Care Who Experienced More Than Three Placements Within the Past Eighteen Months

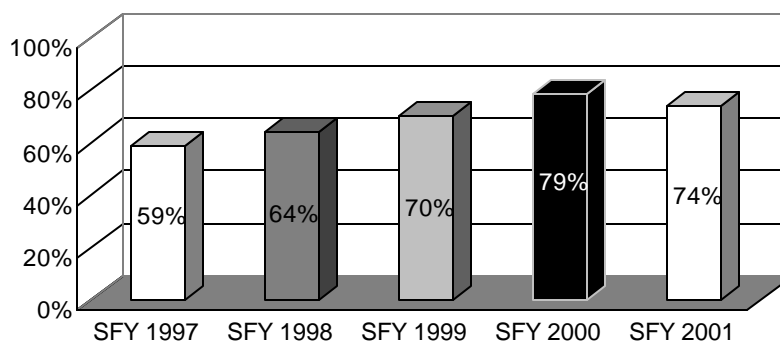
Of those same 2,562 children, 498 children (19%) experienced more than 3 placements within the past eighteen months. This is slightly higher than SFY 2000, but still less than SFY 97 though SFY 99.



Percentage of Siblings in Placement Who Are Placed Together

During SFY 2001, there were an average of 2,168 children with siblings in foster care each quarter. Of those children, there were 1,611 children placed with at least one of their siblings (74%). Of those same 2,168 children, 56% (1,225 children) were placed with all their siblings, compared to 60% in SFY 2000³.

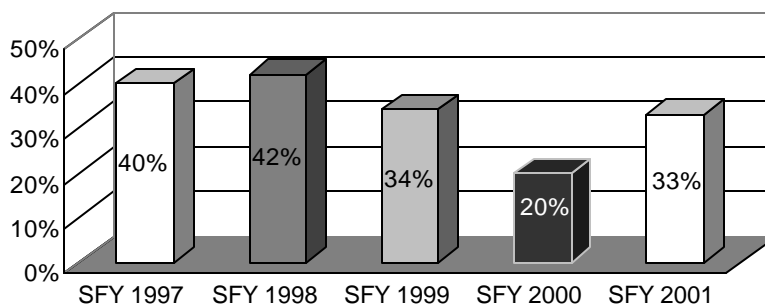
Chart 7:
Percentage of Siblings in Placement who are Placed Together



Percentage of Children Living with Adoptive Families within Twelve Months of Termination of Parental Rights

There were 363 children with the goal of adoption who had parental rights terminated between July 1999 and June 2000. Of those children, 119 children (33%) were placed with adoptive families within 12 months of the termination of parental rights. This year's percentage was 13 percentage points higher than SFY 2000.

Chart 8:
Percentage of Children Living with Adoptive Families within Twelve Months of Termination of Parental Rights



³ These figures do not exclude children who have been placed separately for valid reasons such as safety issues or court orders. As a result they are a more negative representation of how well DCFS keeps children together.

Part II: Compliance Index

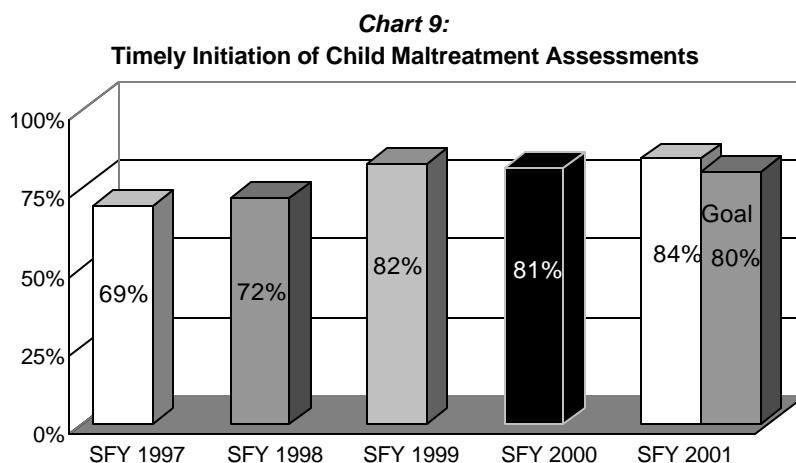
These compliance requirements were set by DCFS with guidance from the Joint Interim Committee on Children and Youth in 1995. The index is compiled by computing the rates of compliance with the following requirements:

1. ***Timely Initiation of Child Maltreatment Assessments.*** Timely initiation means the investigator interviews or observes the victim child outside the presence of the alleged offender within twenty-four hours of any alleged severe maltreatment or within seventy-two hours otherwise.
2. ***Timely Completion of Child Maltreatment Assessments.*** Timely completion means a determination must be made regarding an allegation of child maltreatment within thirty days of receipt of the allegation.
3. ***24-Hour Initial Health Screenings.*** This screening is conducted within twenty-four hours after removal from the home on children who enter foster care due to an allegation of severe maltreatment or if there is evidence of acute illness or injury.
4. ***72-Hour Initial Health Screenings.*** This screening is conducted within seventy-two hours after removal from the home on all children who enter foster care who are not subject to the twenty-four hour screening.
5. ***Comprehensive Health Assessment.*** The purpose of this assessment is to evaluate the physical and mental health status of all foster children and is to be completed within sixty days of a child's entering foster care.
6. ***Foster Home Recruitment.*** DCFS must ensure a sufficient number and variety of foster homes meeting minimal standards and matched to the needs and characteristics of foster children.
7. ***Foster Home Re-evaluation.*** DCFS must re-evaluate at least annually each foster home's ability to care for children.

Timely Initiation of Child Maltreatment Assessments

For SFY 2001, the total number of child maltreatment reports assigned to DCFS stood at 12,635; of that number, 10,640 had child maltreatment assessments initiated in a timely fashion,

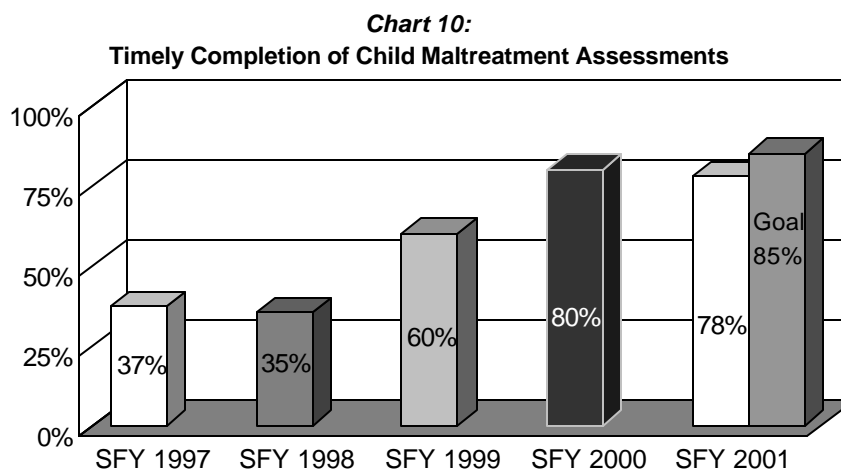
resulting in an 84% compliance rate for the year. **This number was higher than the 81% compliance rate for SFY 2000 and above the goal of 80%.**



Timely Completion of Child Maltreatment Assessments

Of the 12,635 child maltreatment assessments assigned to DCFS during this past fiscal year, 9,827 were completed within the required 30-day period, resulting in a 78% compliance rate.

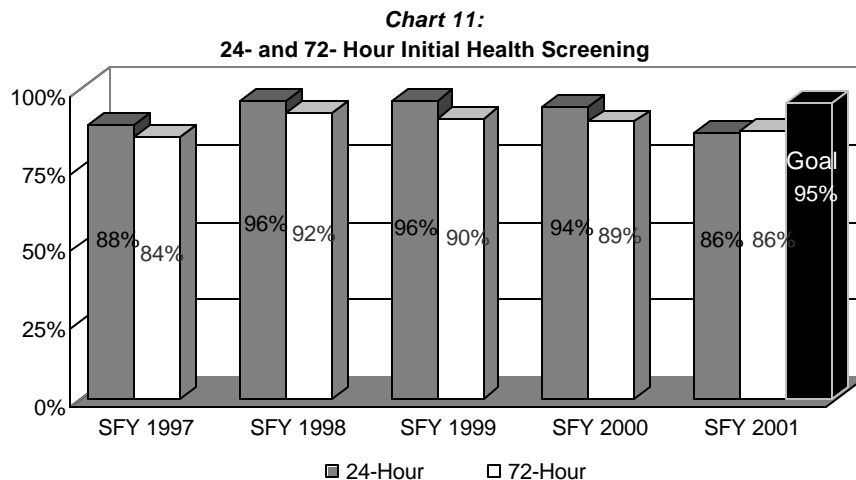
This year's figure represents a slight decrease from last year (80%), and also falls below the goal of 85% compliance.



24- and 72-Hour Initial Health Screenings

There were 515 children who required a 24-hour initial health screening during SFY 2001. Of those children, 442 children (86%) received the required screening in a timely fashion. The number of children who required a 72-hour initial health screening during SFY 2001 was 2,544

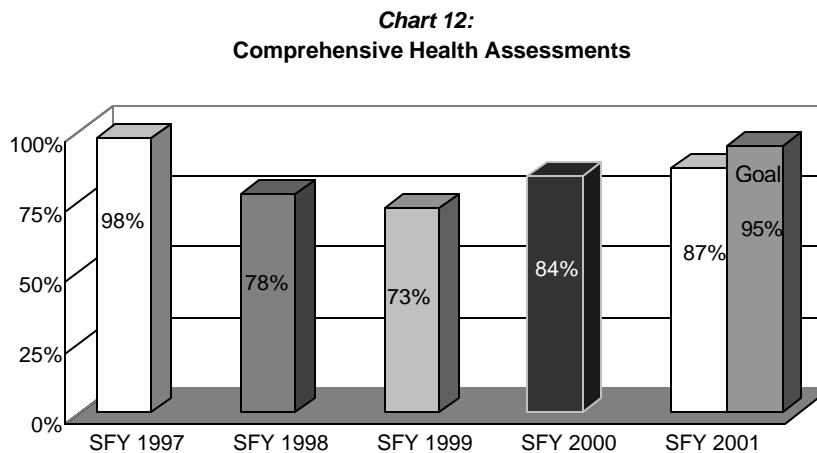
children. Of those children, 2,190 children (86%) received the required screening in a timely fashion. These compliance rates were lower than SFY 2000 and also below the goal of 95%.



Comprehensive Health Assessments

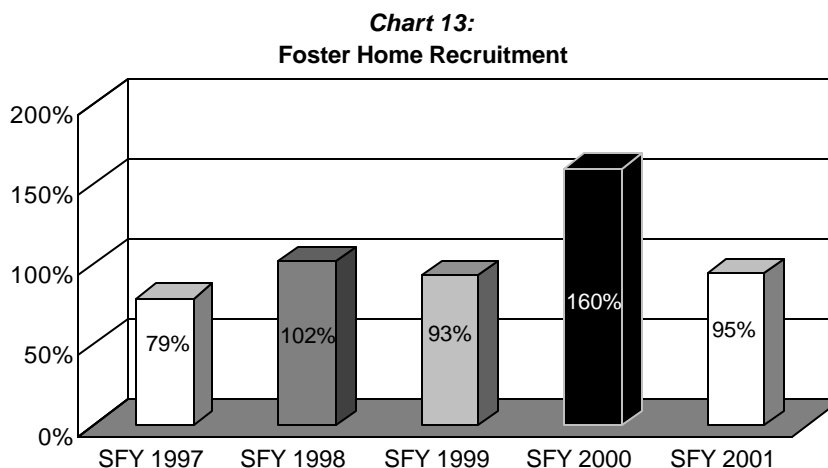
There were 1,657 children who entered foster care between May 2000 and April 2001 and who stayed in foster care 60 or more days. Of these children, 1,440 children (87%) received a comprehensive health assessment in a timely fashion.

This percentage was up from SFY 2000 (84%) compliance rate, but below the goal of 95% compliance.



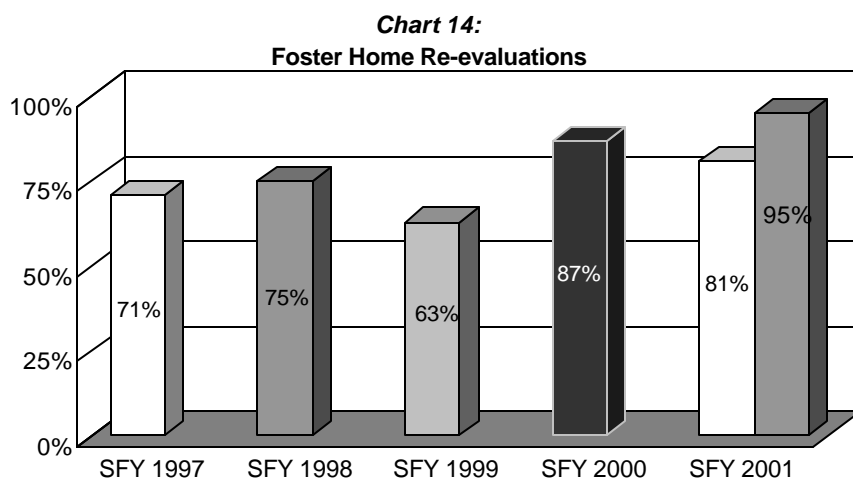
Foster Home Recruitment

DCFS has set a foster home recruitment goal of 320 new foster homes per year. The total of new foster homes for SFY 2001 was 303, or 95% of the goal. This percentage was lower than SFY 2000.



Foster Home Re-evaluations

There were an average of 986 active DHS foster homes during SFY 2001. Of this number, there were an average of 799 homes with current evaluations, resulting in a compliance rate of 81%.



This percentage was lower than SFY 2000, but still remained higher than SFY 1997 through SFY 1999.

Part III: Description of Population and Services**Number and Status of Child Maltreatment Assessments**

Area	County	Total	True	True %	Unsub	Exempt	UTL	Unknown
1	Benton (Bentonville)	949	324	34%	593	0	30	2
1	Carroll (Berryville)	74	18	24%	53	0	3	0
1	Madison (Huntsville)	74	14	19%	56	0	4	0
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	953	300	31%	607	0	46	0
	Area Total	2,050	656	32%	1,309	0	83	2
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	397	150	38%	232	0	12	3
2	Franklin (Ozark)	212	89	42%	120	0	3	0
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	193	82	42%	103	0	8	0
2	Logan (Booneville, Paris)	226	104	46%	118	0	4	0
2	Scott (Waldron)	69	26	38%	40	0	3	0
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	720	125	17%	547	0	41	7
2	Yell (Danville)	164	32	20%	124	0	8	0
	Area Total	1,981	608	31%	1,284	0	79	10
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	163	59	36%	102	0	1	1
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	462	124	27%	316	0	21	1
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	158	20	13%	133	0	5	0
3	Howard (Nashville)	64	15	23%	47	0	2	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	160	63	39%	96	0	1	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	281	113	40%	165	0	2	1
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	27	4	15%	21	0	1	1
3	Polk (Mena)	112	17	15%	93	0	2	0
3	Saline (Benton)	682	178	26%	489	0	15	0
	Area Total	2,109	593	28%	1,462	0	50	4
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	134	34	25%	98	0	2	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	201	81	40%	109	0	6	5
4	Miller (Texarkana)	353	131	37%	213	0	9	0
4	Nevada (Prescott)	66	34	52%	32	0	0	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	270	97	36%	160	0	13	0
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	167	75	45%	86	0	6	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	140	40	29%	95	0	5	0
	Area Total	1,331	492	37%	793	0	41	5

Area	County	Total	True	True %	Unsub	Exempt	UTL	Unknown
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	259	92	36%	166	0	1	0
5	Boone (Harrison)	314	139	44%	174	0	1	0
5	Conway (Morrilton)	107	35	33%	71	0	1	0
5	Faulkner (Conway)	474	157	33%	299	0	18	0
5	Marion (Yellville)	175	60	34%	115	0	0	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	18	12	67%	6	0	0	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	377	129	34%	241	0	6	1
5	Searcy (Marshall)	64	35	55%	29	0	0	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	110	42	38%	67	0	1	0
	Area Total	1,898	701	37%	1,168	0	28	1
6	Pulaski (South)	2,347	749	32%	1,435	1	158	4
	Area Total	2,347	749	32%	1,435	1	158	4
7	Bradley (Warren)	49	25	51%	24	0	0	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	34	15	44%	19	0	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	40	21	53%	18	0	1	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	68	27	40%	40	0	1	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	98	25	26%	65	0	8	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	577	161	28%	370	0	42	4
7	Lincoln (Star City)	64	12	19%	50	0	2	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	377	92	24%	269	0	16	0
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	52	22	42%	27	0	2	1
	Area Total	1,359	400	29%	882	0	72	5
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	105	29	28%	72	0	4	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	679	159	23%	497	0	22	1
8	Fulton (Salem)	240	92	38%	145	0	3	0
8	Greene (Paragould)	393	145	37%	240	0	8	0
8	Izard (Melbourne)	1	0	0%	1	0	0	0
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	211	73	35%	134	0	4	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	223	96	43%	120	0	7	0
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	105	49	47%	54	0	2	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	172	60	35%	107	0	5	0
	Area Total	2,129	703	33%	1,370	0	55	1
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	125	45	36%	79	0	1	0
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	466	123	26%	338	0	5	0
9	Cross (Wynne)	114	25	22%	88	0	1	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	212	50	24%	160	0	2	0
9	Jackson (Newport)	243	62	26%	177	0	4	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	209	71	34%	125	0	13	0
9	Stone (Mountain View)	31	10	32%	21	0	0	0
9	White (Searcy)	437	128	29%	303	0	5	1
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	97	32	33%	64	0	1	0
	Area Total	1,934	546	28%	1,355	0	32	1

Area	County	Total	True	True %	Unsub	Exempt	UTL	Unknown
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	161	60	37%	101	0	0	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	59	21	36%	37	0	1	0
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	88	22	25%	62	0	2	2
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	58	15	26%	43	0	0	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	45	14	31%	31	0	0	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	175	61	35%	112	0	2	0
10	Lee (Marianna)	47	15	32%	30	0	2	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley, Clarendon)	37	12	32%	25	0	0	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	149	50	34%	98	0	1	0
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	126	53	42%	69	0	4	0
	Area Total	945	323	34%	608	0	12	2
99	State Office	5	0	0%	2	0	0	3
	Statewide Total	18,088**	5,771	32%	11,668	1	610	38

* "Unsub" = Unsubstantiated; "UTL" = Unable to Locate; "Unknown" = Status of assessment is not identified in CHRIS.

** This total includes both DCFS and FPD assessments.

Supportive Services, Protective Services, and Foster Care

Area	County	FC Cases	PS Cases	PS Children	SS Cases	SS Children	Total Cases
1	Benton (Bentonville)	215	430	947	41	96	686
1	Carroll (Berryville)	32	50	112	1	1	83
1	Madison (Huntsville)	30	50	104	1	1	81
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	352	751	1,495	9	13	1,112
	Area Total	629	1,281	2,658	52	111	1,962
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	117	208	415	5	11	330
2	Franklin (Ozark)	28	50	116	3	4	81
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	28	66	150	0	0	94
2	Logan (Booneville)	0	1	2	0	0	1
2	Logan (Paris)	56	96	197	11	23	163
2	Scott (Waldron)	24	30	70	3	4	57
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	425	513	1,034	7	18	945
2	Yell (Danville)	16	32	57	2	3	50
	Area Total	694	996	2,041	31	63	1,721
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	40	83	152	6	6	129
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	246	318	641	103	136	667
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	52	66	120	34	54	152
3	Howard (Nashville)	48	69	127	10	20	127
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	22	20	41	1	1	43
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	6	19	33	0	0	25
3	Polk (Mena)	72	66	144	15	24	153
3	Saline (Benton)	83	290	557	22	45	395
	Area Total	569	931	1,815	191	286	1,691
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	37	43	86	20	44	100
4	Hempstead (Hope)	80	171	402	22	43	273
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	26	35	75	1	3	62
4	Little River (Ashdown)	21	29	69	7	17	57
4	Miller (Texarkana)	125	186	339	14	19	325
4	Nevada (Prescott)	10	45	114	5	7	60
4	Ouachita (Camden)	45	96	191	4	8	145
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	26	54	118	1	2	81
4	Union (El Dorado)	80	170	329	4	10	254
	Area Total	450	829	1,723	78	153	1,357

Area	County	FC Cases	PS Cases	PS Children	SS Cases	SS Children	Total Cases
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	63	91	160	6	15	160
5	Boone (Harrison)	64	121	238	6	11	191
5	Conway (Morrilton)	30	81	169	6	9	117
5	Faulkner (Conway)	158	249	499	13	20	420
5	Marion (Yellville)	30	59	122	3	4	92
5	Newton (Jasper)	13	24	49	5	8	42
5	Pope (Russellville)	144	232	436	30	57	406
5	Searcy (Marshall)	12	33	79	4	13	49
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	46	61	139	2	3	109
	Area Total	560	951	1,891	75	140	1,586
6	Pulaski (East)	92	87	157	15	27	194
6	Pulaski (Jxvllle)	132	191	385	12	29	335
6	Pulaski (North)	235	271	561	26	52	532
6	Pulaski (South)	363	415	737	22	28	800
6	Pulaski (SouthWest)	159	194	404	32	65	385
	Area Total	981	1,158	2,244	107	201	2,246
7	Bradley (Warren)	57	60	132	8	13	125
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	16	26	51	1	3	43
7	Cleveland (Rison)	27	26	46	0	0	53
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	13	32	77	4	13	49
7	Grant (Sheridan)	40	44	77	9	16	93
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	317	414	948	17	48	748
7	Lincoln (Star City)	45	39	87	2	3	86
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	86	143	249	15	14	244
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	6	43	76	7	14	56
	Area Total	607	827	1,743	63	124	1,497
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	30	50	97	15	26	95
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	137	304	684	38	81	479
8	Fulton (Salem)	33	41	89	9	17	83
8	Greene (Paragould)	82	187	439	27	52	296
8	Izard (Melbourne)	14	42	85	5	11	61
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	22	43	108	6	13	71
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	35	94	223	10	25	139
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	36	89	224	5	10	130
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	30	68	125	14	32	112
	Area Total	419	918	2,074	129	267	1,466

Area	County	FC Cases	PS Cases	PS Children	SS Cases	SS Children	Total Cases
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	34	66	127	6	14	106
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	67	168	459	20	42	255
9	Cross (Wynne)	30	61	138	9	17	100
9	Independence (Batesville)	82	128	245	12	27	222
9	Jackson (Newport)	20	37	82	4	7	61
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	22	32	73	10	26	64
9	Stone (Mountain View)	3	33	81	2	4	38
9	White (Searcy)	65	193	395	18	26	276
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	12	15	31	0	0	27
	Area Total	335	733	1,631	81	163	1,149
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	15	22	50	1	1	38
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	18	48	93	11	21	77
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	73	95	152	5	9	173
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	61	82	140	12	20	155
10	Desha (McGehee)	61	88	143	3	7	152
10	Drew (Monticello)	63	75	133	11	13	149
10	Lee (Marianna)	52	62	167	7	18	121
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	19	36	92	10	29	65
10	Phillips (Helena)	35	83	203	5	9	123
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	54	99	268	19	49	172
	Area Total	451	690	1,441	84	176	1,225
99	State Office	9	33	69	2	5	44
	Statewide Total	5,704	9,347	19,330	893	1,689	15,944

Foster Care Children by Age

Area	County	Total	0-5 years	6-11 years	12-14 years	15+ years	Unknown
1	Benton (Bentonville)	215	78	51	55	31	0
1	Carroll (Berryville)	32	14	5	6	7	0
1	Madison (Huntsville)	30	15	3	4	8	0
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	352	111	113	74	54	0
	Area Total	629	218	172	139	100	0
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	117	31	39	23	24	0
2	Franklin (Ozark)	28	8	11	7	2	0
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	28	8	9	10	1	0
2	Logan (Paris)	56	13	21	8	14	0
2	Scott (Waldron)	24	5	3	9	7	0
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	425	129	125	89	82	0
2	Yell (Danville)	16	7	3	5	1	0
	Area Total	694	201	211	151	131	0
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	40	10	8	10	12	0
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	246	84	66	57	39	0
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	52	32	6	12	2	0
3	Howard (Nashville)	48	18	10	13	7	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	22	6	6	5	5	0
3	Pike (Murfreestown)	6	2	1	1	2	0
3	Polk (Mena)	72	18	16	25	13	0
3	Saline (Benton)	83	25	14	26	18	0
	Area Total	569	195	127	149	98	0
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	37	9	9	10	9	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	80	22	26	17	15	0
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	26	6	8	4	8	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	21	5	6	4	6	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	125	42	30	25	28	0
4	Nevada (Prescott)	10	2	0	4	4	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	45	11	7	16	11	0
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	26	9	8	8	1	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	80	16	13	28	23	0
	Area Total	450	122	107	116	105	0
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	63	18	16	16	13	0
5	Boone (Harrison)	64	27	15	11	11	0
5	Conway (Morrilton)	30	11	10	6	3	0
5	Faulkner (Conway)	158	48	48	38	24	0
5	Marion (Yellville)	30	6	5	7	12	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	13	3	3	4	3	0

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Area	County	Total	0-5 years	6-11 years	12-14 years	15+ years	Unknown
5	Pope (Russellville)	144	47	36	32	29	0
5	Searcy (Marshall)	12	1	4	4	3	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	46	14	13	10	9	0
	Area Total	560	175	150	128	107	0
6	Pulaski (East)	92	20	27	18	27	0
6	Pulaski (Jxville)	132	51	36	26	19	0
6	Pulaski (North)	235	70	67	62	36	0
6	Pulaski (South)	363	126	118	58	61	0
6	Pulaski (SouthWest)	159	58	48	34	19	0
	Area Total	981	325	296	198	162	0
7	Bradley (Warren)	57	7	18	18	14	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	16	5	1	6	4	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	27	14	6	3	4	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	13	4	4	3	2	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	40	16	10	10	4	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	317	93	71	93	60	0
7	Lincoln (Star City)	45	12	4	10	19	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	86	26	25	21	14	0
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	6	4	0	1	1	0
	Area Total	607	181	139	165	122	0
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	30	6	11	8	5	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	137	40	51	30	16	0
8	Fulton (Salem)	33	16	9	5	3	0
8	Greene (Paragould)	82	30	25	19	8	0
8	Izard (Melbourne)	14	3	6	2	3	0
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	22	7	9	5	1	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	35	14	11	3	7	0
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	36	21	4	6	5	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	30	7	5	9	9	0
	Area Total	419	144	131	87	57	0
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	34	13	10	6	5	0
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	67	21	21	19	6	0
9	Cross (Wynne)	30	10	10	7	3	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	82	21	24	22	15	0
9	Jackson (Newport)	20	9	5	6	0	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	22	8	8	4	2	0
9	Stone (Mountain View)	3	0	0	0	3	0
9	White (Searcy)	65	13	24	17	11	0
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	12	7	2	2	1	0
	Area Total	335	102	104	83	46	0

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Area	County	Total	0-5 years	6-11 years	12-14 years	15+ years	Unknown
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	15	2	3	4	6	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	18	4	4	7	3	0
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	73	11	16	29	17	0
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	61	8	12	18	23	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	61	6	8	30	17	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	63	9	19	17	18	0
10	Lee (Marianna)	52	8	24	13	7	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	19	4	9	3	3	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	35	12	10	7	6	0
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	54	20	12	15	7	0
	Area Total	451	84	117	143	107	0
99	State Office	9	1	4	3	1	0
	Statewide Total	5,704	1,748	1,558	1,362	1,036	0

Note: These characteristics represent the number of children served during the year, not the number in care at any given point in time.

Foster Care Children by Gender

Area	County	Total	Male	Female
1	Benton (Bentonville)	215	117	98
1	Carroll (Berryville)	32	17	15
1	Madison (Huntsville)	30	9	21
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	352	153	199
	Area Total	629	296	333
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	117	54	63
2	Franklin (Ozark)	28	14	14
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	28	16	12
2	Logan (Paris)	56	24	32
2	Scott (Waldron)	24	8	16
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	425	222	203
2	Yell (Danville)	16	10	6
	Area Total	694	348	346
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	40	19	21
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	246	127	119
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	52	25	27
3	Howard (Nashville)	48	28	20
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	22	6	16
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	6	3	3
3	Polk (Mena)	72	32	40
3	Saline (Benton)	83	38	45
	Area Total	569	278	291
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	37	18	19
4	Hempstead (Hope)	80	34	46
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	26	10	16
4	Little River (Ashdown)	21	8	13
4	Miller (Texarkana)	125	61	64
4	Nevada (Prescott)	10	6	4
4	Ouachita (Camden)	45	25	20
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	26	11	15
4	Union (El Dorado)	80	27	53
	Area Total	450	200	250
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	63	29	34
5	Boone (Harrison)	64	32	32
5	Conway (Morrilton)	30	14	16
5	Faulkner (Conway)	158	74	84
5	Marion (Yellville)	30	17	13
5	Newton (Jasper)	13	8	5

Area	County	Total	Male	Female
5	Pope (Russellville)	144	64	80
5	Searcy (Marshall)	12	3	9
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	46	29	17
	Area Total	560	270	290
6	Pulaski (East)	92	48	44
6	Pulaski (Jxville)	132	64	68
6	Pulaski (North)	235	118	117
6	Pulaski (South)	363	180	183
6	Pulaski (SouthWest)	159	78	81
	Area Total	981	488	493
7	Bradley (Warren)	57	37	20
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	16	6	10
7	Cleveland (Rison)	27	12	15
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	13	6	7
7	Grant (Sheridan)	40	19	21
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	317	154	163
7	Lincoln (Star City)	45	24	21
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	86	44	42
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	6	4	2
	Area Total	607	306	301
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	30	14	16
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	137	61	76
8	Fulton (Salem)	33	18	15
8	Greene (Paragould)	82	41	41
8	Izard (Melbourne)	14	7	7
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	22	14	8
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	35	14	21
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	36	17	19
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	30	14	16
	Area Total	419	200	219
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	34	16	18
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	67	29	38
9	Cross (Wynne)	30	16	14
9	Independence (Batesville)	82	44	38
9	Jackson (Newport)	20	10	10
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	22	7	15
9	Stone (Mountain View)	3	2	1
9	White (Searcy)	65	24	41
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	12	7	5
	Area Total	335	155	180

Area	County	Total	Male	Female
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	15	7	8
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	18	6	12
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	73	27	46
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	61	32	29
10	Desha (McGehee)	61	34	27
10	Drew (Monticello)	63	39	24
10	Lee (Marianna)	52	23	29
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	19	11	8
10	Phillips (Helena)	35	15	20
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	54	30	24
	Area Total	451	224	227
99	State Office	9	5	4
	Statewide Total	5,704	2,770	2,934

Note: These characteristics represent the number of children served during the year, not the number in care at any given point in time.

Foster Care Children by Ethnicity

Area	County	Total	White	Black	Asian	Island	Indian	Unknown
1	Benton (Bentonville)	219	206	3	2	0	5	3
1	Carroll (Berryville)	32	30	1	0	1	0	0
1	Madison (Huntsville)	31	30	1	0	0	0	0
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	371	321	35	2	3	5	5
	Area Total	653	587	40	4	4	10	8
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	122	105	5	1	1	5	5
2	Franklin (Ozark)	28	28	0	0	0	0	0
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	30	28	1	0	0	0	1
2	Logan (Paris)	56	55	1	0	0	0	0
2	Scott (Waldron)	32	24	0	0	1	0	7
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	450	347	71	5	4	22	1
2	Yell (Danville)	15	14	1	0	0	0	0
	Area Total	733	601	79	6	6	27	14
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	41	27	14	0	0	0	0
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	258	165	87	0	0	0	6
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	53	44	8	0	0	0	1
3	Howard (Nashville)	53	29	21	3	0	0	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	22	19	2	0	1	0	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	6	6	0	0	0	0	0
3	Polk (Mena)	72	71	0	0	0	0	1
3	Saline (Benton)	86	79	5	2	0	0	0
	Area Total	591	440	137	5	1	0	8
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	37	14	23	0	0	0	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	88	49	38	0	0	1	0
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	26	15	11	0	0	0	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	21	15	6	0	0	0	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	125	66	56	0	0	0	3
4	Nevada (Prescott)	10	7	3	0	0	0	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	47	6	41	0	0	0	0
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	28	26	1	0	0	1	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	80	23	57	0	0	0	0
	Area Total	462	221	236	0	0	2	3
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	63	57	0	1	0	3	2
5	Boone (Harrison)	66	63	2	0	0	0	1
5	Conway (Morrilton)	30	29	0	0	0	0	1
5	Faulkner (Conway)	165	132	22	3	0	2	6
5	Marion (Yellville)	30	29	1	0	0	0	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	13	13	0	0	0	0	0

Area	County	Total	White	Black	Asian	Island	Indian	Unknown
5	Pope (Russellville)	147	126	10	1	0	4	6
5	Searcy (Marshall)	13	12	0	0	0	1	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	46	45	0	0	0	1	0
	Area Total	573	506	35	5	0	11	16
6	Pulaski (East)	92	14	78	0	0	0	0
6	Pulaski (Jxvllle)	139	92	45	1	0	0	1
6	Pulaski (North)	242	80	156	0	1	0	5
6	Pulaski (South)	380	96	273	1	4	0	6
6	Pulaski (SouthWest)	161	58	100	0	0	0	3
	Area Total	1,014	340	652	2	5	0	15
7	Bradley (Warren)	63	32	25	2	4	0	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	16	5	10	0	1	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	28	17	11	0	0	0	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	14	8	6	0	0	0	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	40	40	0	0	0	0	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	326	81	240	0	1	4	0
7	Lincoln (Star City)	45	22	22	0	1	0	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	92	78	13	0	0	0	1
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	6	6	0	0	0	0	0
	Area Total	630	289	327	2	7	4	1
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	30	30	0	0	0	0	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	139	115	23	0	0	0	1
8	Fulton (Salem)	34	26	7	0	0	0	1
8	Greene (Paragould)	82	76	5	0	0	0	1
8	Izard (Melbourne)	14	14	0	0	0	0	0
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	23	22	1	0	0	0	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	35	14	17	1	0	0	3
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	37	10	26	0	0	0	1
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	30	30	0	0	0	0	0
	Area Total	424	337	79	1	0	0	7
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	35	18	15	0	0	0	2
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	67	7	58	0	0	0	2
9	Cross (Wynne)	30	14	16	0	0	0	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	82	74	7	0	0	0	1
9	Jackson (Newport)	20	10	8	2	0	0	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	24	19	3	2	0	0	0
9	Stone (Mountain View)	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
9	White (Searcy)	76	59	9	0	3	5	0
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	12	10	2	0	0	0	0
	Area Total	349	214	118	4	3	5	5

Area	County	Total	White	Black	Asian	Island	Indian	Unknown
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	15	8	7	0	0	0	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	18	9	7	1	0	0	1
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	73	24	45	0	1	0	3
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	61	12	49	0	0	0	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	64	23	41	0	0	0	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	64	28	36	0	0	0	0
10	Lee (Marianna)	52	4	47	0	0	0	1
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	19	3	16	0	0	0	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	36	9	27	0	0	0	0
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	58	18	40	0	0	0	0
	Area Total	460	138	315	1	1	0	5
99	State Office	9	4	3	0	0	0	2
	Statewide Total*	5,898	3,677	2,021	30	27	59	84

* Children may have more than one ethnicity selected. As a result, the total seen here (5,898) is greater than totals seen in other foster care demographic tables in this section (5,704).

Note: These characteristics represent the number of children served during the year, not the number in care at any given point in time.

Length of Time Children are in Foster Care

Area	County	Client Total	Under 30 days	30-90 days	3-6 mos	7-12 mos	13-24 mos	25-36 mos	Over 36 mos
1	Benton (Bentonville)	215	59	21	29	43	44	4	15
1	Carroll (Berryville)	32	6	6	3	9	5	2	1
1	Madison (Huntsville)	30	0	6	5	12	4	1	2
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	352	60	42	54	42	82	44	28
	Area Total	629	125	75	91	106	135	51	46
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	117	27	16	20	5	28	5	16
2	Franklin (Ozark)	28	1	11	4	6	5	1	0
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	28	15	5	0	3	5	0	0
2	Logan (Paris)	56	26	7	2	5	2	6	8
2	Scott (Waldron)	24	4	2	5	11	2	0	0
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	425	62	70	47	67	79	43	57
2	Yell (Danville)	16	4	1	1	8	2	0	0
	Area Total	694	139	112	79	105	123	55	81
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	40	8	1	6	7	6	5	7
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	246	73	48	32	40	29	14	10
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	52	3	9	8	3	13	4	12
3	Howard (Nashville)	48	11	8	9	6	6	3	5
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	22	9	0	7	0	2	2	2
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	6	0	1	0	1	1	3	0
3	Polk (Mena)	72	21	8	17	9	11	2	4
3	Saline (Benton)	83	23	16	11	12	12	5	4
	Area Total	569	148	91	90	78	80	38	44
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	37	11	6	4	3	4	4	5
4	Hempstead (Hope)	80	28	7	12	10	8	2	13
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	26	4	2	3	6	11	0	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	21	8	3	1	1	3	4	1
4	Miller (Texarkana)	125	22	15	18	15	34	10	11
4	Nevada (Prescott)	10	1	1	1	2	2	1	2
4	Ouachita (Camden)	45	3	6	4	7	11	7	7
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	26	9	8	4	0	3	1	1
4	Union (El Dorado)	80	9	10	7	16	14	11	13
	Area Total	450	95	58	54	60	90	40	53
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	63	7	15	12	6	11	5	7
5	Boone (Harrison)	64	30	6	7	5	14	1	1
5	Conway (Morrilton)	30	17	7	0	1	5	0	0
5	Faulkner (Conway)	158	38	36	31	32	14	2	5
5	Marion (Yellville)	30	2	3	3	8	1	5	8
5	Newton (Jasper)	13	0	0	4	2	4	0	3

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5	Pope (Russellville)	144	34	26	21	21	28	6	8
5	Searcy (Marshall)	12	7	1	0	2	2	0	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	46	9	9	1	7	15	5	0
	Area Total	560	144	103	79	84	94	24	32
6	Pulaski (East)	92	6	3	6	5	25	14	33
6	Pulaski (Jxville)	132	16	27	23	25	18	8	15
6	Pulaski (North)	235	18	60	18	29	48	20	42
6	Pulaski (South)	363	90	40	29	45	46	42	71
6	Pulaski (SouthWest)	159	21	27	22	24	34	10	21
	Area Total	981	151	157	98	128	171	94	182
7	Bradley (Warren)	57	8	6	9	3	15	9	7
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	16	2	4	2	1	1	2	4
7	Cleveland (Rison)	27	6	8	2	2	5	3	1
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	13	2	0	4	4	0	1	2
7	Grant (Sheridan)	40	4	12	7	6	8	0	3
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	317	80	38	29	62	48	24	36
7	Lincoln (Star City)	45	7	9	8	7	4	5	5
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	86	25	10	8	18	14	9	2
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	6	1	1	1	0	3	0	0
	Area Total	607	135	88	70	103	98	53	60
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	30	2	10	4	0	12	1	1
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	137	22	31	27	26	22	4	5
8	Fulton (Salem)	33	0	5	3	2	15	3	5
8	Greene (Paragould)	82	12	21	13	9	20	3	4
8	Izard (Melbourne)	14	6	4	3	1	0	0	0
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	22	5	6	4	7	0	0	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	35	11	9	4	2	2	1	6
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	36	9	4	8	7	4	2	2
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	30	4	5	9	4	4	2	2
	Area Total	419	71	95	75	58	79	16	25
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	34	6	3	1	5	11	4	4
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	67	11	6	15	13	17	2	3
9	Cross (Wynne)	30	11	1	2	6	6	3	1
9	Independence (Batesville)	82	4	12	12	25	15	10	4
9	Jackson (Newport)	20	5	2	0	2	7	0	4
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	22	1	5	6	2	5	1	2
9	Stone (Mountain View)	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
9	White (Searcy)	65	23	12	5	10	13	0	2
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	12	7	2	0	1	1	0	1
	Area Total	335	69	43	41	65	76	20	21

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10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	15	0	5	0	5	3	0	2
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	18	6	3	2	3	2	1	1
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	73	5	17	8	10	15	6	12
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	61	3	6	15	14	13	6	4
10	Desha (McGehee)	61	1	12	13	15	16	0	4
10	Drew (Monticello)	63	3	9	10	7	15	8	11
10	Lee (Marianna)	52	0	0	1	7	2	18	24
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	19	0	3	1	1	11	0	3
10	Phillips (Helena)	35	4	3	9	7	6	0	6
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	54	8	8	1	8	11	6	12
	Area Total	451	30	66	60	77	94	45	79
99	State Office	9	1	4	0	1	2	0	1
	Statewide Total	5,704	1,108	892	737	865	1,042	436	624

* These characteristics represent the number of children served during the year, not the number in care at any given point in time. The lengths of stay for these children were arrived at by determining the number of days between a child's entry date into foster care and his/her exit date from foster care, or the end of the fiscal year, whichever came first.

Adoptions

Characteristics of Children

There were 398 children placed in adoptive homes during SFY 2001, up from 352 in SFY 2000. The following tables show the breakdowns of these children by age, gender, and race.⁴

Age	Number of Children
0 to 5 years	161
6 to 11 years	149
12 to 18 years	82
18+ years	0
Total*	392

Gender	Number of Children
Male	183
Female	209
Total*	392

Race	Number of Children
Caucasian	248
African-American	140
Other	4
Total*	392

* Demographic information have not been entered into CHRIS for 6 children.

Special Needs

There were 293 children with special needs who were placed during SFY 2001. The following table outlines the number of children with specific needs. The number of children will exceed 293, due to the fact that many of the children had more than one special need condition.

Special Need Condition	Number of Children
Race	152
Age	171
Medical problems	79
Emotional problems	162
Learning problems	72
Member of sibling group	176

⁴ The Division's Quality Assurance Unit provided the data for the characteristics of children placed in adoptive homes and the characteristics of children waiting for adoption. The Division's Adoptions Unit provided all other information in this adoption section.

Subsidized Adoptions

There were 377 new subsidized adoptions approved in SFY 2001, with 324 federally funded and 53 state funded.

Disruptions

A disruption of an adoptive placement occurs when a family who had accepted a child for adoption decides not to proceed with finalization and the child is removed from the home. Thirteen disruptions occurred in SFY 2001, compared to 26 disruptions in the previous fiscal year.

Non-Foster Parent Adoptive Homes

- Awaiting Children at the Beginning of the Year147
- New Homes Approved During the Year118
- Total During the year265
- Homes in Which Children Were Placed During the Year.....106
- Approved Adoptive Homes Closed at the End of the Year35
- Number of Homes Awaiting Children.....124

Children Waiting for Adoption

There are currently 455 children waiting for adoption. The following table describes the demographics of these children.

Age	Gender	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Other	Total
0 to 1	Female	10	5	0	0	0	0	15
	Male	9	3	0	0	0	0	12
2 to 5	Female	19	25	0	0	0	0	44
	Male	26	18	0	0	0	0	44
6 to 11	Female	35	42	0	0	0	0	77
	Male	49	54	0	0	0	0	103
12 to 15	Female	34	32	0	0	0	0	66
	Male	48	21	0	1	0	0	70
16 to 18	Female	9	6	0	0	0	0	15
	Male	6	4	0	0	1	0	11
Total		245	210	0	1	1	0	457

* Demographic data have not been entered into CHRIS for 8 children. As a result, they are not represented in the table above, bringing the number of children whose demographic data can be represented to 447. However, children may have more than one ethnicity selected. As a result, the total number of children shown in the table above (457) is greater than the actual number of children whose demographics can be represented (447).